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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) Submission Note ('the Note') has been prepared by Axis on behalf of BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited ('the Applicant') in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the East Park Energy project (the 'Scheme').
- 1.1.2 The Note provides details of the digital surveys submitted at Deadline 4 as part of the examination of the application for development consent.

1.2 Background

- 1.2.1 The Examining Authority (ExA) set out at Item 8 in Annex B of the **Rule 8 Letter [PD-006]** that the Applicant provides the submission of a "*detailed flight plan for an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) with a view to undertaking a comprehensive high-resolution video of the Public Rights of Way and other areas of the proposed development site that accords with the applicant's suggested sites for site inspections of Interested Parties suggestions.*"
- 1.2.2 The Applicant submitted a **Virtual Site Inspection Plan [REP2-046]** at Deadline 2 for comment by Interested Parties.
- 1.2.3 Comments on the **Virtual Site Inspection Plan [REP2-046]** were received at Deadline 3, and the Applicant amended the Virtual Site Inspection Plan accordingly, with amendments as set out in the **Virtual Site Inspection Plan (Final) – Cover Letter [AS-028]**.
- 1.2.4 The final **Virtual Site Inspection Plan [AS-029]** was submitted on 03 June 2026 such that the Applicant could capture and prepare the submission by Deadline 4 on the 10 July 2026.

2.0 VIRTUAL SITE INSPECTION

2.1 Submitted Documents

2.1.1 The Applicant has submitted the following ‘Digital Surveys’ at Deadline 4, alongside this Note:

- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 1 [EN010141/DR/8.46];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 2 [EN010141/DR/8.47];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 3 [EN010141/DR/8.48];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 4 [EN010141/DR/8.49];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 5 [EN010141/DR/8.50];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 6 [EN010141/DR/8.51];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 7 [EN010141/DR/8.52];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 8 [EN010141/DR/8.53];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 9a [EN010141/DR/8.54];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 9b [EN010141/DR/8.55];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 10 [EN010141/DR/8.56];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 11 [EN010141/DR/8.57];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 12 [EN010141/DR/8.58];
- Virtual Site Inspection (VSI) – Digital Survey 13 [EN010141/DR/8.59];

2.1.2 Details of the routes or locations captured within each of the above files is available in the final **Virtual Site Inspection Plan [AS-029]**.

2.2 Record of Digital Surveys

2.2.1 The Applicant has prepared **Table 1** below which sets out the time and date each Digital Survey was captured:

Table 1: Record of Digital Surveys

Digital Survey	Time	Date	Type	Weather Conditions
Digital Survey 1	11:10am	18/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 2	09:53am	18/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 3	15:38pm	17/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 4	16:32pm	17/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 5	17:21pm	18/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 6	17:06pm	18/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 7	14:37pm	17/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 8	12:33pm	17/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 9a	12:58pm	18/06/2026	Drone Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 9b	10:54am	17/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 10	15:05pm	17/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 11	11:00am	18/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 12	14:10pm	17/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.
Digital Survey 13	12:28pm	17/06/2026	360 Video	Sunny with cloud cover, good visibility.

3.0 DIGITAL SURVEY LIMITATIONS

3.1 General Limitations

- 3.1.1 The Applicant has submitted the digital survey video footage at the request of the Examining Authority.
- 3.1.2 The Applicant considers that digital surveys provide useful desk-based context, but are not a substitute for an in-person site visit. The Applicant considers there are limitations in digital survey video footage in terms of camera function and field of view, and in terms of its representation of how the landscape is actually viewed by people. In particular, video footage can alter the perception of scale, openness, distance and visibility relative to views experienced by receptors on the ground. Consequently, the Applicant does not consider that such footage should be relied upon as a substitute for the assessment of landscape and visual effects presented in **ES Vol 1 Chapter 5 Landscape and Visual [APP-041]**. The submitted Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment is based on representative viewpoints, verified photography, field survey work and assessment in accordance with the Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment 3rd Edition (GLVIA3).

3.2 Specific Limitations

Playback Speed

- 3.2.1 In submitting the digital survey video footage, the Applicant has increased the playback speed of the 360-degree video walkover surveys so as to reduce the length of videos, and the associated file sizes. The 360-degree video walkovers are therefore presented at 3x speed, which reduces the video length and file sizes by approximately 66%. The Applicant does not consider this to be a limitation as the videos can be paused at any time if there are particular points of interest that a viewer wishes to observe. In addition, most

video playback software allows the viewer to change the playback speed to slow down or speed up a video as required.

Playback Quality

- 3.2.2 The 360-degree video walkovers have been recorded in '8k' resolution using a DJI Osmo 360 camera, as set out in Section 2.4 of the final **Virtual Site Inspection Plan [AS-029]**. Depending on the default settings of the video playback software used by a viewer, it may be possible to reduce the playback quality from 8k to an alternative resolution (4k, 1080p, etc.) to reduce download sizes and improve playback quality (depending on a viewer's internet connection, and hardware).

File Sizes

- 3.2.3 Despite the Applicant's efforts to reduce file sizes, including through adjustments to the playback speeds, the video files for the 360-degree walkovers are large file sizes.
- 3.2.4 Unfortunately, limitations within the Planning Inspectorate's systems means that they are not able to process file sizes that exceed 1 GB in size, and therefore the Applicant has had to split the video files into files of less than 1 GB size.
- 3.2.5 Whilst this does not affect the underlying content of the videos, the Applicant fully acknowledges that this makes the digital survey files difficult to engage with, and requires the viewer to load multiple files to follow a single survey route.
- 3.2.6 The Applicant has therefore prepared an alternative means to view the full videos as single video files, which are available on the Applicant's website at: www.eastparkenergy.co.uk
- 3.2.7 It should be noted that whilst the full versions of the video files hosted on the Applicant's website present the exact same content as those submitted to the Examination, they should not be relied upon as part of the Examination. The

definitive version that Interested Parties should rely upon and reference in any submissions to the Planning Inspectorate are those that are hosted in the Examination Library.

